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ENGLAND'S AID SOUGHT

Grand Ducal Party Convinced That Time Has Come to Yield?

Defeat of Gen. Gripenberg Said to Have
Caused a Change of View in Russian
Capital—Ambassadors at Paris and
London Reported Carrying On Nego-
tations—Conferences in Washington
With Secretary of State Hay Indicate
That Movement of Importance in Far
Eastern Affairs Is Under Way

Special Cable Despatch to the S. S. N. LONDON, Feb. 7.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the *Chronicle* asserts that Gen. Gripenberg's reverse and the apparent impossibility of gaining a victory over the Japanese have caused the Grand Duke party to review the situation, with the result that it has decided in favor of peace. The announcement that Gen. Kuropatkin might be recalled was really started in order that negotiations to terminate the war might be facilitated.

The correspondent says he knows that the Russian representatives in Paris have been instructed to take whatever steps they deem advisable to secure the good will of Great Britain, with the object of obtaining the most favorable terms from Japan. Count Benckendorf, the Russian Ambassador at London, was in St. Peter-

For the first time since the war commenced the Russian Government on Monday stopped overland telegraphic communication with the Far East. Ship owners who telegraphed to Vladivostok

The lines affected are the Great Northern Company's by way of Siberia and Manchuria. It is stated that no message for the East have been transmitted by the

One inference is that the strike, which was lately reported to have spread to Irkutsk, Krasnowarsk, Tomsk and elsewhere in Siberia, has become serious. Another inference is that some war movement is

Gen. Gripenberg is out. Quarrel With Klotopatkin Results in His Retirement.

The same widespread and high placed influences which agitated for Gen. Kuroki's removal after the battle of Liao-yang are now endeavoring to induce the Emperor to accept his tendered resignation. It is suggested that either Grand

Duke Nicholas Nicolaevitch, a descendant of the Emperor, who commands the Russian cavalry; Gen. Sakharoff, Minister of War or Gen. Lindevitch, commanding the First Army in Manchuria, be appointed to succeed Gen. Kuropatkin as Commander-in-Chief.

PARIS, Feb. 6.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the *Echo de Paris* says that he has good authority for believing that the following telegram was addressed to Russian military headquarters by Gen. Gripenberg, commander of the Second Manchurian Army:

army: "We had taken several fortified positions, but not being supported in time had to retire. During the retreat I lost 10,000 men."

upon. But he says it is exclusively due to reasons of health. Gen. Kuropatkin, he says, is suffering from cerebral anemia. The *Figaro*, on the contrary, declares that there is not an atom of truth in the report.

RUSSIANS LEAVE COREA.

TOKIO, Feb. 6.—Army headquarters confirms the reports that the Russians have withdrawn from northwest Corea to the

northward after burning their provisions and other stores and destroying the telegraph lines. The withdrawal is evidence that as a result of the fall of Port Arthur the Russians fear an attack on Harbin.

In the direction of the Sha River the Russians continue to make attacks in small force and keep up their bombardment of the Japanese centre and right. Their at-

The Japanese casualties at the battle of Heikoutai included 32 officers killed and 130 wounded, among them Gen. Tanabe, who was in command of a brigade, and two Colonels. A despatch received from Ying-kow yesterday states that 15,000 Russians

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